

Leeds Millions Back Ex-King, Greeks Charge

American Wife of Prince
Christopher Denounced
at Meeting in This City
For Aid Given to Royalty

Say Cash Beat Venizelos

Loyalists Hooted and Driven
From Church; One Was
Ejected and Doused

More than 3,000 Greeks assembled in the Church of St. Eleutherios, 859 West Twenty-fourth Street, last night to protest against the proposed return of former King Constantine. They denounced the former Mrs. William B. Leeds, widow of the New York millionaire and wife of Prince Christopher of Greece, brother to Constantine, for throwing her millions to the support of the Greek royalists and making the defeat of Venizelos possible.

Speakers who addressed the meeting charged that German money and Mrs. Leeds's millions were used by the Constantine party in propaganda which undermined the position of Venizelos. This occurred after Greek royalists who sought to create disturbance were ejected from the hall, to the accompaniment of denunciations by the crowd.

At times it seemed that a riot would be provoked, and only the interference of a large squad of police restored order. Among those ejected was Dimitrios Theophylatos, president of the Greek-American Loyalist League and regarded in the local Greek colony as a royalist leader. Theophylatos was escorted downstairs by a mob shouting anti-royalist threats. A pail of water was thrown on his head as he was ejected into the street.

Constantine Is Denounced
For more than three hours the church resounded with cries of "Death to Constantine!" "Down with kings and princes!" "Shame on the woman who betrayed democracy!" "Zito Venizelos!" and "Long live the Liberator!"

The speaker who provoked the violent denunciation of the former Mrs. Leeds was Kleantes Vassardakis, former Greek Consul at San Francisco. "The traitor Constantine," he shouted and general applause followed. "who did nothing for Greece except betray her to the Germans, is coming back through the influence of the Leeds millions. It is not the Greek people who voted against Venizelos. The masses of our own scattered throughout the world, are behind the liberator of their country. It was German money and the Leeds millions who defeated Venizelos."

"It was this money which bought the election for Constantine. It is Mrs. Leeds's ambition to be a member of a going royal concern. Venizelos could not command the financial support which Mrs. Leeds threw to his enemies and he went down. But the Greeks in America and the American people themselves will know how to condemn this misuse of good American dollars to bolster up defunct royalty. It is a shame that American money should be used in the betrayal of civilization and democracy."

Greece Facing Crisis
Other speakers who denounced Mrs. Leeds for her alleged financial support of Constantine were Nicholas Pappadopoulos, Patros Tatanis, editor of the National Herald, a Venizelos organ published in this city; Dr. Sofocles Datakis, former president of the Pan-Hellenic Union; Costas Sakellarakos, A. A. Athanassiou and George Nikolaou. All the speakers declared that Greece was facing the greatest crisis of her national history and appealed to all

Greeks to protest against the proposed return of Constantine. They demanded the proclamation of a republic in Athens, with Venizelos as President. "Greece never achieved the greatness to which Venizelos brought her," said Dr. Pappadopoulos, "when she was under the rule of Constantine and royalty. Her present leaders brought nothing but shame and dishonor upon her. Those of our countrymen who, perverted by the propaganda made possible by Germany and the Leeds millions, voted against the liberator of our country are narrow and ungrateful, but I know that the overwhelming majority of Greeks in this country and the four million Greeks scattered about the Asiatic littoral are behind Venizelos. He fell victim to a vicious and selfish propaganda which he was too noble to counteract."

The speakers were particularly emphatic in their denunciation of Solon Vasto, publisher of the Atlantis, a royalist newspaper published in New York who recently sent a telegram to the president of the Swiss Republic thanking him, in behalf of 500,000 Greeks in America, for offering an asylum to Constantine. The meeting repudiated this action by unanimous vote and adopted the following resolution:

"We disapprove and protest against the present Greek government's declared intention to restore to the throne of Greece the ex-king Constantine, who, having proved recreant

to the traditions of the Hellenic people and betrayed his oath, has betrayed and disgraced our fatherland." Copies of the resolution were sent to the government at Athens, the President of the United States, the Secretary of State and to the embassies of the Allied nations in Washington.

The former Mrs. William B. Leeds, who inherited a fortune estimated at \$14,000,000 on the death of her husband in Paris, in 1908, was married to Prince Christopher in Geneva, January 30, 1920. Former King Constantine was represented at the wedding by the Duke of Sparta, at that time the Crown Prince of Greece.

Mrs. Leeds is a daughter of the late William C. Stewart, of Cleveland. She was Mrs. Nancy Stewart Worthington when she was married to Mr. Leeds.

Irish Inquiry Board Asked
To Probe Negro Lynchings
BOSTON, Nov. 24.—A request that the Committee of One Hundred be conducting hearings in Washington on the Irish situation, continue in session after the completion of its investigation for the purpose of conducting hearings on lynching of negroes was sent to Oswald Garrison Villard of New York, and Miss Jane Addams of Chicago, tonight by the Rev. M. A. N. Shaw, president of the National Equal Rights League. The request asks for "a gathering of the facts of racial injustice and mob murders."

Athens Receives Ex-King's Brothers Like Two Heroes

Triumphal Procession in
Honor of Princes Arranged
by Queen Mother Olga
and the New Premier

ATHENS, Nov. 24 (By The Associated Press).—Princes Andreas and Christopher, brothers of ex-King Constantine of Greece, arrived in Athens at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The princes were escorted by large and enthusiastic crowds to the palace from the dock at which their steamer arrived from Italy.

The triumphal procession in honor of the two princes had been arranged by Queen mother Olga, Premier Rallis and Minister of War Gounaris. Hundreds of automobiles took part.

The entire route was strewn with olive branches, and soldiers and civilians sang hymns to Constantine. Prince Andreas, who was dressed in civilian clothing, was carried like a football hero on the shoulders of friends

through the crowd of ten thousand persons in Constitution Square. Prince Christopher is the husband of the former Mrs. William B. Leeds, an American.

Assertions are made that members of the Venizelist government carried off or destroyed documents belonging to several ministries, and that two valises full of papers were burned near the Temple of Jupiter.

The Greek public debt has increased from 1,500,000,000 drachmas, in 1913, to 7,500,000,000 drachmas, it was announced to-day. (The normal value of the drachma is approximately 19 cents).

French See a Trick in Greek Plebiscite Ballot

PARIS, Nov. 24.—The French Foreign Office has been informed that the Greek plebiscite ballot upon the question of the return of ex-King Constantine to the throne, to be cast December 5, will also contain a clause giving the voters the opportunity to declare whether they desire the return of ex-Premier Venizelos to Greece.

The Foreign Office expressed its opinion to-day that in view of the fact that Venizelos no longer holds any official position this proviso is merely a subterfuge by his opponents, as Venizelos has never been denied the privilege of residence in Greece as a private citizen, he having left only because his life was threatened.

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